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(Amended) 20. A composition for the formation and/or maintenance of chondrocyte and/or cartilaginous tissue in a patient in need of same comprising a therapeutic amount of the human SDF-5 protein according to claim 18 in a pharmaceutical carrier.

Delete claims 28, and 30-32.

REMARKS

Claim 18 has been amended to insert "the" for "an". Claim 20 has been amended to depend from claim 18 and to include the phrase "in a pharmaceutical carrier. Claim 29 has previously been found allowable. Claims 28 and 30-32 have been deleted. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the deleted claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications. The undersigned attorney and Examiner Ungar discussed the fact that a terminal disclaimer is not necessary for claims 19, 22, 23 and 25 because USSN 08/848,439 is still pending.

The Decision on Petition to Revoke indicates that the person signing the petition, Ellen J. Kapinos, was not given a Power of Attorney to prosecute the instant application. Applicants submit that Ellen J. Kapinos does have Power of Attorney as reflected in the attached Declaration and Power submitted March 19, 1998

The Decision also indicates that a change of address had not been filed in the case and therefore, Applicants submit herewith a change of address form.

Attached hereto is a Version With Markings to Show Changes Made by the present amendments. The changes made address the changes suggested by the Examiner to put the case in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request issuance of pending claims 18-20, 22-23, 25 and 29. Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic interview would assist in clarifying any remaining issues, or to otherwise expedite prosecution, Applicants

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respectfully invite the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

If any fee is due with regard to this paper, Applicants hereby authorize payment of such fee from Deposit Account No. 07-1060.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen J. Kapinos".

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In the Claims:

18. a purified human SDF-5 polypeptide comprising ~~an~~ the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 3.

20. a composition for the formation and/or maintenance of chondrocyte and/or cartilaginous tissue in a patient in need of same comprising a therapeutic amount of the human SDF-5 protein according to claim ~~19~~ 18 in a pharmaceutical carrier.

Claims 28 and 30-32 have been canceled.